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**INQUIRY INTO ADEQUACY OF WATER STORAGES IN
NSW**

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State Development - New dams are UNNECESSARY !!

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To whom it may concern, I am writing to express my view on 'water storage' in NSW, i.e dams.

Dams have detrimental impact on rivers – both physical and biological, by altering the rivers natural flow thus effecting ecosystems, which can led to the extinction of many fish and other aquatic species, the disappearance of birds in floodplains and huge losses of forest, wetland and farmland.

Permanent 'water wise' rules through out most Australian cities and surveys around the country have shown that low-level water restrictions have very high levels of community support, making dams unnecessary.

Large infrastructure projects such as dams can inflict a large financial burden on water rates payers.

Thankyou for hearing of my true feelings on this serious issue of new dams in NSW. I sincerely hope we can learn from countless past experiences of the destruction (both environmentally, financially and in some cases socially!) that damming natural watercourses has done.

I look forward to your response as to where the NSW government stands on this important issue.

Yours Sincerely
Jono Shelley